

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter in support of the EchoStar-Directv merger.

As a rural resident I have limited access to local broadcast stations and therefore do not receive any local emergency warnings affecting my area or news of local interest. Recently an inmate escaped from jail and was said to be in my area. I did not find out about this until the next day in the newspaper. Needless to say, this is unacceptable.

I am limited to dial-up internet access as cable is not offered. I do a lot of internet activity and dial -up is just too slow.

Please approve this merger with the one price option in effect, the addition of internet access, and local tv as 'must provide in a timely manner'.

Sincerely,

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